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USING THIRD-PARTY KEY PROVIDER**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 19, 2005, Applicants submit the following amendment and response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.